

First Team: Gus Grissom and the Tragedy of Apollo I

"If we die, we want people to accept it. We're in a risky business, and we hope that if anything happens to us it will not delay the program. The conquest of space is worth the risk of life."



~Virgil "Gus" Grissom



Survival training,
Stead Air Force Base,
Nevada



Purdue
University, West
Lafayette,
Indiana

Grissom Air
Reserve Base

Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio

McDonnell
Aircraft, St. Louis,
Missouri

Mitchell,
Indiana

Gus Grissom
Memorial,
Spring Mill State Park

Langley,
Virginia
Arlington
National
Cemetery

Washington,
D.C.

Kansas Cosmosphere and Space
Center, Hutchinson, Kansas

Edwards Air
Force Base
North American
Aviation, Downey,
California

Williams Air
Force Base,
Chandler,
Arizona

Wichita Falls, Texas

Randolph Air Force
Base, Universal City,
Texas

Brooks
Field,
San Antonio, Texas

Bryan Air Force
Base, Bryan, Texas

Houston
Manned
Spacecraft
Center/Mission
Control

Cape Canaveral,
Florida

Grand Bahama
Island

Approximate landing site
of Liberty Bell 7

Grand Turk
Island



Kimpo Air
Force Base,
Seoul,
South Korea



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